

Bellevue City Code Discussion

Potential Code Changes Related to
Vehicle camping, illegal waste dumping and
public camping

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Prior Direction from Council

- ✓ Proceed with Eastgate LUCA – *Adopted August 7*
- ✓ Prepare LUCA prohibiting safe injection sites citywide – *Adopted October 16*
- ✓ Prepare public information and education materials related to panhandling – *final materials in production*
- **Prepare options for Council consideration related to strengthening vehicle parking and public camping enforcement**

Presentation Overview

Vehicle Parking Enforcement

- Legal Background
- 24-hour Parking Code
- Illegal Waste Dumping

Public Camping

Vehicle Parking Enforcement 2017 Update

- Approx. 75 parking complaints per month
- About 15% concern vehicle residences
- 75% of vehicle residence situations result in additional future parking complaints
- On average, impound 7 vehicles monthly; 1 vehicle (or less) is a vehicle residence
- 35 vehicle residencies (one night count October 2017)

Vehicle Residency Existing Process

- Complaint based
- Coordinated response
- Officer/outreach offer services
- Additional contact
- Noticing and authorized vehicle removal

Vehicle Residency/Public Camping Legal Background

- 4th Amendment
 - Reasonable search and seizure
- 14th Amendment
 - Due process
 - Fundamental right to travel
- 8th Amendment
 - Cruel and unusual punishment

Vehicle Parking Existing Codes

- Constitutional limitations
- Civil infraction framework
- BCC 11.23.010 - Residential parking zones
- BCC 11.23.020 - No parking in the **same public space** for period exceeding 24-hours
- BCC 11.23.022 - Time limit zones

Vehicle Parking Code Changes Recommendation (First Phase)

- Modify 24 hour parking code to state relocation to a different named street
- Continue with coordinated response encountering vehicle residencies
- Public education regarding code changes

Follow-up

- Education campaign about new requirements for movement (citywide)
- Pro-active outreach in “hot spot” areas to provide relief
- Monitor impact over time
- Reevaluate Parking Regulations if needed

Vehicle Parking Code Changes And Additional Options

1. Parking regulations/restrictions for oversized vehicles/RVs (location, time of day).
2. Permit for all oversized vehicles/RVs in public rights of way (specified streets).
3. Parking regulations for RV/car campers (Los Angeles)
4. Permit requirements for RV/car campers

Additional Tool

Illegal Waste Dumping

- Illegal waste dumping
 - Existing code civil violation
 - Change to a criminal offense
 - Educational information on proper disposal

Vehicle Parking Recommendations

- **Modify city code language regarding:**
 - Modify 24 hour parking code to state relocation to a different named street
 - Change improper waste dumping to a criminal offense

Public Camping

- January through August 2017
 - 7 trespass notices given
 - 3 trespass notices served
 - 24 encampment clean-ups
- Current process
 - Outreach (offer services)
 - Additional outreach if necessary
 - Site clean up
- **Recommend extending prohibition against camping to all city owned property and public easements**

Moving Forward

Nov 20 Pending Council Direction
Potential Legislative Action on
Vehicle Parking, Illegal Waste
Dumping and Camping ordinances

